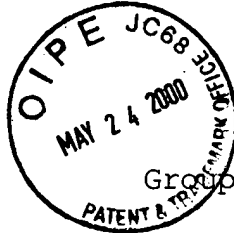


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of
Giuseppe GUARINO et al.

Application No: 09/231,791

Filed: January 15, 1999



Group Art Unit: 1764

Examiner: F. Varcoe, Jr.

For: METHOD FOR IN-SITU MODERNIZATION OF A HETEROGENEOUS SYNTHESIS REACTOR

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 24, 1999, please
amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 6, line 20, change "Figure 1" to -- The sole Figure --;

line 25, change "Figure 1" to -- the drawing --.

Page 7, line 12, delete "the respective";

lines 13 and 14, delete in their entirety and replace

with the following: -- a gas inlet cylindrical perforated wall 7 and

a gas outlet cylindrical perforated wall 8, and underneath by the

bottom of the shell --;

lines 16 and 17, delete "the same to be axially crossed

by";

Line 18, after "gases" insert -- axially cross the

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